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CONCENTRATING AAV-2 AND
ANTIGEN PORTIONS THEREOF**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **September 10, 2002**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **March 10, 2003**. A petition for a three-month extension of time and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.

THE AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A method for purifying and concentrating AAV-2 and antigen portions thereof from a sample, said method comprising the steps of:

binding AAV-2 or antigen portions thereof to an activated chromatographic material which comprises antibodies linked thereto and directed against AAV-2, and
eluting said AAV-2 or antigen portions thereof using a solution containing 0.5 to 4.5 M $MgCl_2$.

5. (Twice Amended) The method according to 3, wherein the chromatographic material is CNBr-activated agarose or NHS-activated agarose.